IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Pascal NICOLLE et al.

Serial No.: New Application

Filed: February 13, 2002

For: PROGRAMMING STATION GENERATING A PROGRAM IN SINGLE LANGUAGE AND AUTOMATION EQUIPMENT USING SUCH A PROGRAM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following specification changes as noted below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

10. (Amended) Programming station according to claim 1, characterised in that it comprises an XML handler Hndlr (20) in non-volatile memory, dialoguing through notifications firstly with a tree structure management module (30) representative of

the automation application expressed in the single, hierarchised and object oriented language, and also with a plurality of database managers (Mng1, Mng2, ...), each manager being specific to part of the automation application stored in one of the databases (Db1, Db2, ...).

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 remain pending herein. Claim 10 has been amended hereby.

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to eliminate multiply dependent claims from the above-identified application.

Examination of this application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Claim Mark-ups

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

one of the previous claims], characterised in that it comprises an XML handler Hndlr (20) in non-volatile memory, dialoguing through notifications firstly with a tree structure management module (30) representative of the automation application expressed in the single, hierarchised and object oriented language, and also with a plurality of database managers (Mng1, Mng2, ...), each manager being specific to part of the automation application stored in one of the databases (Db1, Db2, ...).